THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): Government of India is committed to the development of friendly and good neighbourly relations with China on the basis of the principles of Panchsheel, mutual sensitivity to each other's concerns and equality.

Relations between India and China have continued to develop and diversify. Important developments in the last three months marking the progress of India-China relations, *inter alia,* include: the 14th meeting of the India-China Joint Working Group held in New Delhi on 21st November, 2002; MoU on Approved Destination Status for Chinese tourists signed during the visit of Mr. He Guangwei, Chairman, China National Tourism Authority during 7-12 December, 2002; visit of a Parliamentary delegation led by Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha to China from 5-10 January, 2003; visit of a delegation led by Mr. Sheng Huaren, Chairman of India-China Friendship Group of the National People's Congress to participate in the International Parliamentary Conference to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the Indian Parliament from 22-24 January, 2003; visit by Mr. An Min, Vice Minister, Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation to attend CII's International Engineering and Technology Fair (IETF) from 5-8 February, 2003 and the third meeting of the India-China Eminent Persons' Group held in New Delhi from 13-14 February, 2003.

Bilateral trade has continued to grow smoothly. Exchanges of functional delegations and defence delegations also progressed. Both sides have underlined their commitment to continue to develop their relations while simultaneously continuing to address their differences through dialogue.

Shifting of ISI training camps from PoK

1006. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has allowed Allied Forces to carry on hunt from across the Afghan border into Pakistan territory in pursuit of Taliban and Al-Qaeda fighters;

(b) whether it is also a fact that as a sequel to this, ISI has shifted several militant training camps from PoK to other areas; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to prevent Taliban/Al-Qaeda fighters sneaking into India and to have the militant training camps closed or destroyed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Reports indicate presence of Al-Qaeda elements in Pakistan and PoK. Reports further indicate that the international coalition against terrorism is currently also engaged in locating these elements in Pakistan. There have been statements by Pakistani officials claiming that Pakistan had asked the US military not to enter its territory without permission in pursuit of Al Qaeda and Taliban fugitives fleeing from parts of Afghanistan into Pakistan.

(b) Despite its own commitments and international obligations, Pakistan has not dismantled the terrorist infrastructure in its territory or territories under its control, although some camps were temporarily shifted or relocated in interior areas during June-August, 2002. Many of these camps have since been reactivated. There is no indication that Pakistan has reduced or stopped its support to terrorism.

(c) Government are firmly resolved to take all necessary measures to defeat Pakistan's sponsorship of cross-border terrorism and preserve the security and territorial integrity of the country. Government have also made it clear that there can be no dialogue with Pakistan until its sponsorship and support for cross-border terrorism is ended. Attention of the international community has also been drawn to the dangers posed by Pakistan being the epicentre of international terrorism. Many countries have called upon Pakistan to dismantle the infrastructure of terrorism in that country and to stop being a platform for international terrorism.

Funding of terrorists by ISI

1007. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that ISI has doubled the money for terrorist organizations as an inducement to continue strikes in India and that militants have been told to maintain units along the LoC;

(b) if so, whether Government have advised the western countries